

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [17] and [18] on page 3 with the following amended paragraphs:

[17] FIG. 4a illustrates a cross-sectional view along line IV-IV of FIG. 4b; and

[18] FIG. 4b illustrates another view of the present invention[[.]] ; and

After paragraph [18] on page 3, insert the following new paragraph:

[18.1] FIG. 5 illustrates an enlarged view of the brace part having a curved/buckled portion.

Please replace paragraph [23] on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

[23] As shown in FIG. 3b, two straight brace parts 3 connected by a straight bridge piece 3a form a truss brace 10. One end of the straight brace part 3 has a curved (or buckled) portion 3b which connects to the straight bridge piece 3a (see FIG. 4a FIGS. 4a and 5), while the other end of the straight brace part 3 is a straight portion 3c.